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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROMITSU NISHIKAWA, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/774,040) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: January 31, 2001) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) April 3, 2001
APPARATUS, IMAGE) :
PROCESSING METHOD AND A) :
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT :
FOR JUDGING WHETHER IMAGE)
DATA INCLUDE SPECIFIC :
INFORMATION RELATED TO)
COPY PROTECTION :

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form
PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

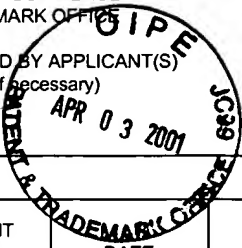
Respectfully submitted,


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